

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 COPENH 01387 151300Z

65-61  
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 CEA-01 CIAE-00 COME-00 EB-07

FRB-03 INR-07 NSAE-00 CIEP-01 SP-02 STR-04 TRSE-00

LAB-04 SIL-01 SAM-01 OMB-01 PM-03 NSC-05 SS-15 DODE-00

/073 W  
----- 034044

R 151013Z MAY 75  
FM AMEMBASSY COPENHAGEN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 910  
INFO AMEMBASSY BONN  
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
USMISSION EC BRUSSELS  
AMEMBASSY DUBLIN  
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY LUXEMBOURG  
AMEMBASSY PARIS  
AMEMBASSY ROME  
OECD PARIS  
USMISSION NATO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE COPENHAGEN 1387

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: EGEN, PFOR, EEC, DA  
SUBJECT: GALLUP POLL INDICATES LARGE MAJORITY OF DANES PREFER FOLLOWING UK IF IT WITHDRAWS FROM EC

SUMMARY: A GALLUP POLL TAKEN IN LATE APRIL 1975 INDICATES THAT, WHILE OPPOSITION TO DANISH MEMBERSHIP IN THE PRESENT COMMUNITY OF NINE HAS DECLINED, AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF 74 PERCENT WOULD VOTE AGAINST CONTINUED DANISH EC MEMBERSHIP SHOULD THE UK DECIDE TO WITHDRAW. END SUMMARY.

1. A POLL TAKEN BY THE DANISH GALLUP INSTITUTE IN LATE APRIL  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 COPENH 01387 151300Z

1975 INDICATES THAT 40 PERCENT OF VOTERS ARE IN FAVOR OF CON-

TINUED DANISH MEMBERSHIP OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WHILE 41 PERCENT ARE AGAINST AND 19 PERCENT UNDECIDED. AMONG THE 59 PERCENT POSITIVE AND UNDETERMINED VOTES, ONLY 29 PERCENT FAVOR CONTINUED DANISH MEMBERSHIP IF UK DECIDES TO WITHDRAW. IN OTHER WORDS, ONLY 17 PERCENT FAVOR CONTINUED DANISH MEMBERSHIP IF UK LEAVES WHILE 74 PERCENT ARE AGAINST AND 9 PERCENT UNDECIDED.

2. THE 40 PERCENT STILL IN FAVOR OF DANISH MEMBERSHIP (IF THE UK STAYS IN) IS SIGNIFICANTLY LESS THAN THE 57 PERCENT MAJORITY (AGAINST 33 PERCENT NEGATIVE VOTES) WHICH APPROVED DENMARK'S ENTRY INTO THE EC AT THE OCTOBER 2, 1972 REFERENDUM BUT NOT THE LOWEST POSITIVE FIGURE RECORDED SINCE THEN. IN VARIOUS SUBSEQUENT POLLS THE POSITIVE VOTE DECLINED STEADILY SINCE 1972 AND BOTTOMED AT 31 PERCENT IN AUGUST 1974, WITH 53 PERCENT OF VOTERS AGAINST MEMBERSIP AND 16 PERCENT UNDECIDED.

3. THE QUESTION OF DANISH EC MEMBERSHIP POSED TO VOTERS AT THE OCTOBER 1972 REFERENDUM CLEARLY IMPLIED BRITISH ENTRY AS THE PREREQUISITE FOR DANISH ENTRY. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT HAS PLEDGED ANOTHER DANISH REFERENDUM SHOULD THE UK DECIDE TO WITHDRAW. THE RESULTS OF THE LATEST GALLUP POLL INDICATE THAT ANOTHER DANISH REFERENDUM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING A BRITISH WITHDRAWAL WOULD RISK A STRONG MAJORITY AGAINST CONTINUED DANISH MEMBERSHIP.

4. THE RISKS OF THIS HAPPENING ARE NOT GREAT. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT, WHICH FAVORS CONTINUED DANISH MEMBERSHIP, HAS SAID THAT, SHOULD THE UK WITHDRAW, IT WOULD NOT HOLD A REFERENDUM UNTIL ALTERNATIVE BRITISH ARRANGEMENTS ARE DETERMINED, WHICH COULD MEAN A DELAY OF A YEAR OR MORE. HENCE, DANISH ANTI-MARKEETERS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO EXPLOIT THE DRAMA SURROUNDING A NEGATIVE BRITISH VOTE.  
CROWE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptoning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERSHIP, PUBLIC OPINION POLLS, RELATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGS, ECONOMIC INTEGRATION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 15 MAY 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** MorefiRH  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975COPENH01387  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750171-0703  
**From:** COPENHAGEN  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750546/aaaabpiq.tel  
**Line Count:** 95  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** MorefiRH  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 10 APR 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <10 APR 2003 by lzenbel0>; APPROVED <21 MAY 2003 by MorefiRH>  
**Review Markings:**  

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GALLUP POLL INDICATES LARGE MAJORITY OF DANES PREFER FOLLOWING UK IF IT WITHDRAWS FROM EC  
**TAGS:** EGEN, PFOR, PORG, DA, EEC  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006